their economic capacity and development, provide incentives to employers both in public and private sectors to ensure that at least five per cent of their work force comprises of persons with disabilities. The Ministry of SJ&E, in accordance with the provision, has requested the Ministry of Finance to appropriate action in this regard.

Statement

Vocational Rehabilitation Centres

(In thousand)

	Clients Admitted	Clients Rehabi-litated	Clients under evaluation at the end of the Year
1993	18.2	5.7	1.9
1994	19.9	5.9	1.9
1995	17.9	5.2	2.0
1996	22.8	6.7	2.1
1997	22.4	5.8	2.3

Grant for mentally and physically handicapped

386. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
MISS MABLE REBELLO:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government still give only Rs. 350/- per month as grant-in-aid to NGOs to run the residential facilities for the mentally and physically handicapped; and

(b) whether Government plan to enhance this amount to reasonable level so that the NGOs can offer reasonably better services to these handicapped who cannot help themselves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) No sir. Under the Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities assistance is given to the extent of 90% of the project cost to non governmental organisations for different types of projects taken up for the welfare of disabled. Total amount of assistance given depends upon the project for which assistance is sought and the amount of assistance sought for various components within the project and the amounts recommended by the inspecting authorities of the State Government as well as the ceiling norms prescribed for the components. There is no proposal to enhance the amount of ceiling norms for various components for the present.

Survey of socio-economic conditions of Linguistic Minorities

387. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any detailed survey on the socio-economic condition of different linguistic minorities in India;

(b) if so, the number of such persons living in different States, group-wise; and

(c) if reply to Part (a) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to conduct such survey?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Government has not conducted any survey on the socio-economic conditions of different linguistic minorities in India. However, the office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India, who conducts the census, have published the Census report on the number of people speaking different languages at the All India level as also at the State/Union Territory levels separately.

(b) The percentage of persons speaking minority languages in each State/ Union Territory for Linguistic Groups constituting one percent or more of the concerned State/Union Territory's population is enclosed in the statement (*see below*)

(c) No such proposal is presently under the consideration of the Government of India.